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## REMARKS

Claims 47, 49 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lindstrom et al. Although Applicants believe the claims are novel over Lindstrom et al., Applicants have nevertheless canceled Claim 47 and amended Claims 49 and 50 to expedite the prosecution of this application. Applicants further submit no new matter will be added by the entry of new Claim 57. Support for new Claim 57 appears throughout the specification, including, for example, page 23, lines 6-16.

Applicants note the Examiner's acknowledgement that Claim 48 is deemed free of prior art and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants, therefore, request the entry of the amendments and solicit an allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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